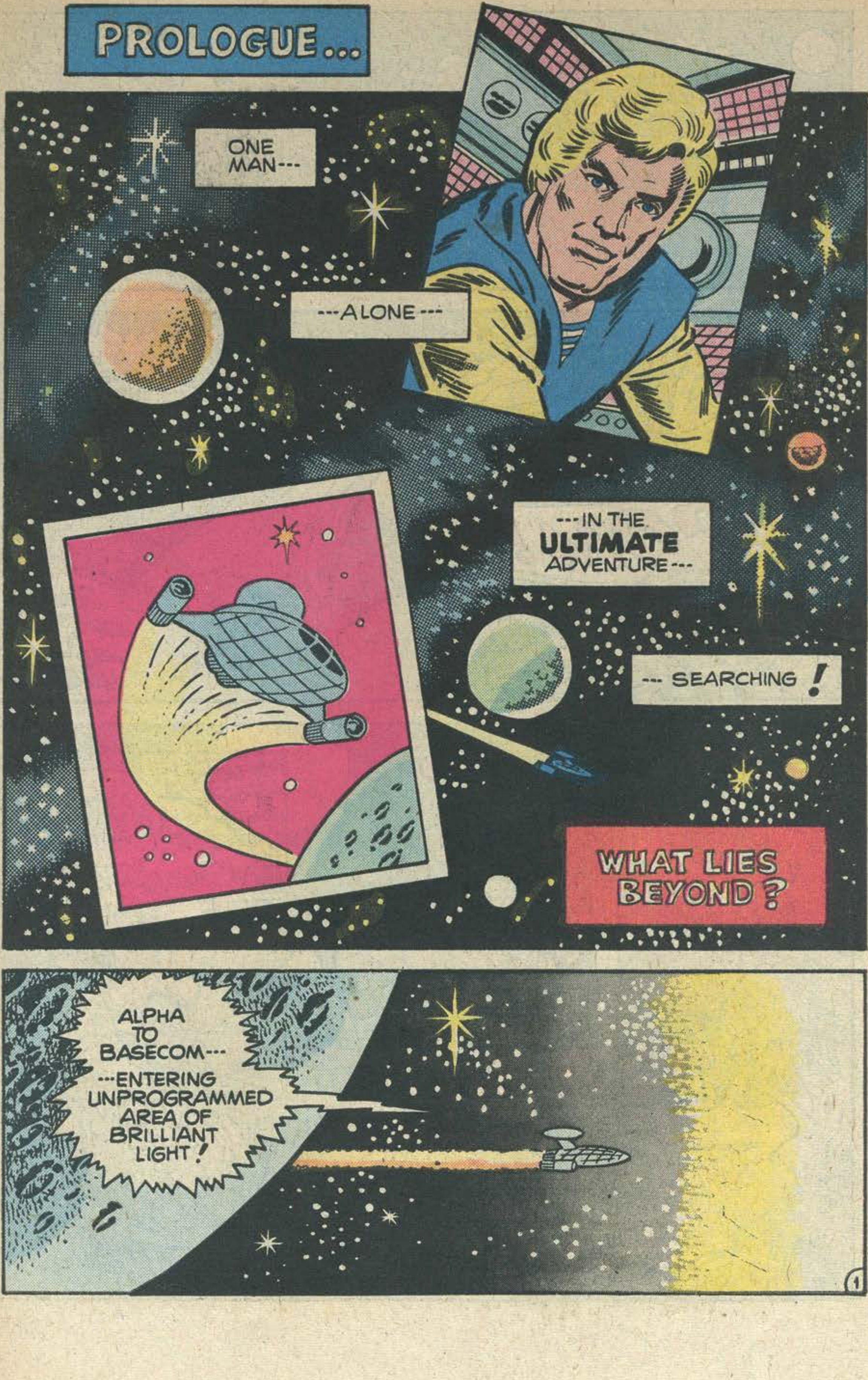
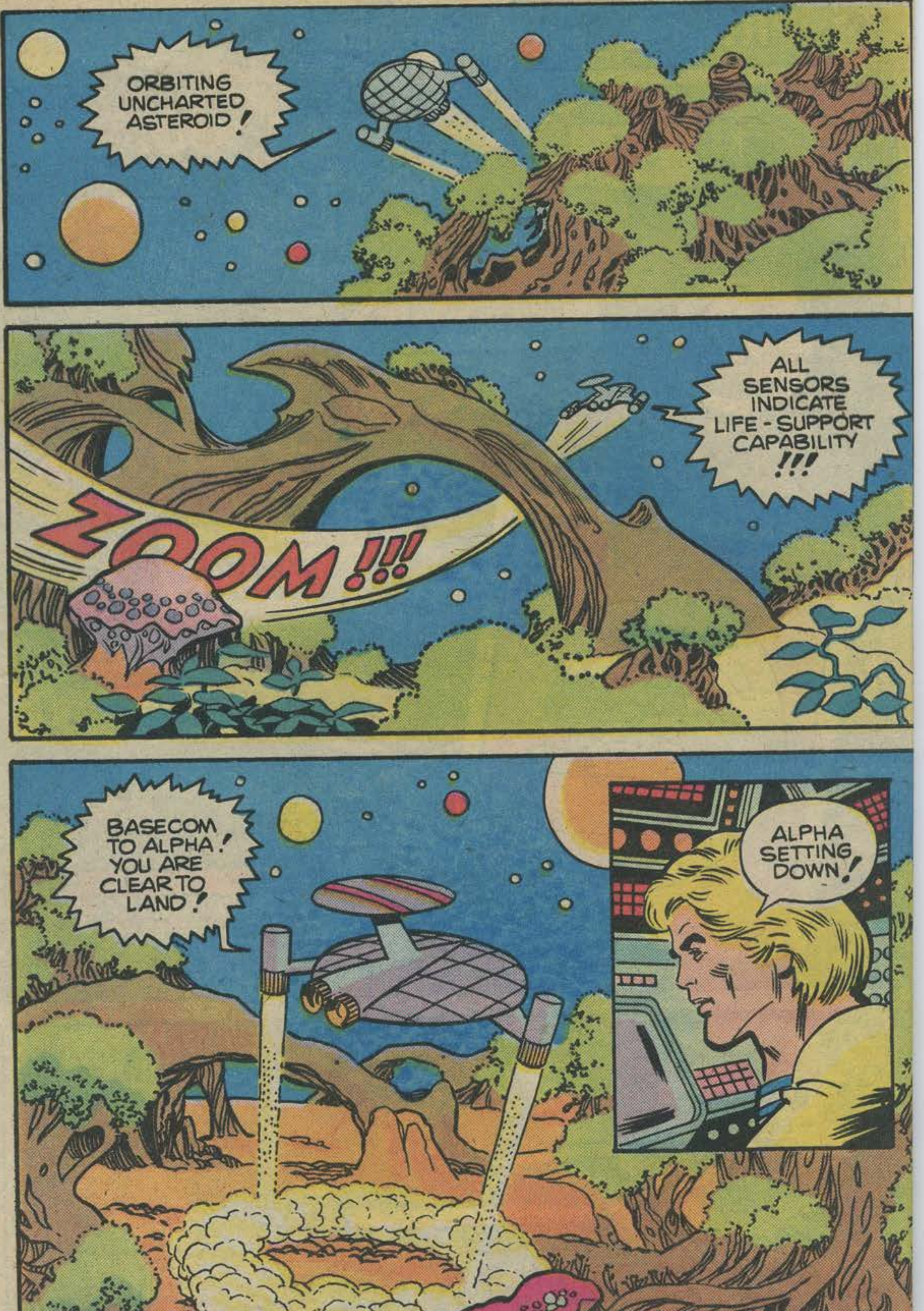

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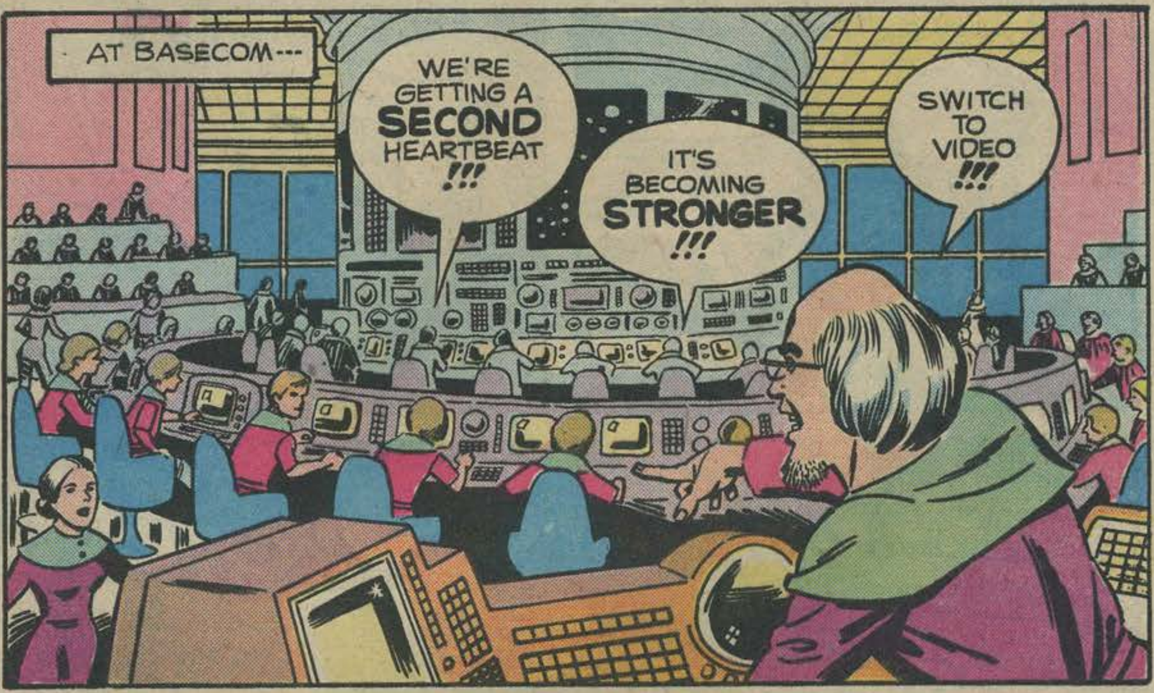

PROLOGUE...
ONE MAN---
---ALONE---
---IN THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE---
--- SEARCHING!
WHAT LIES BEYOND?
ALPHA TO BASECOM--- ---ENTERING UNPROGRAMMED AREA OF BRILLIANT LIGHT!
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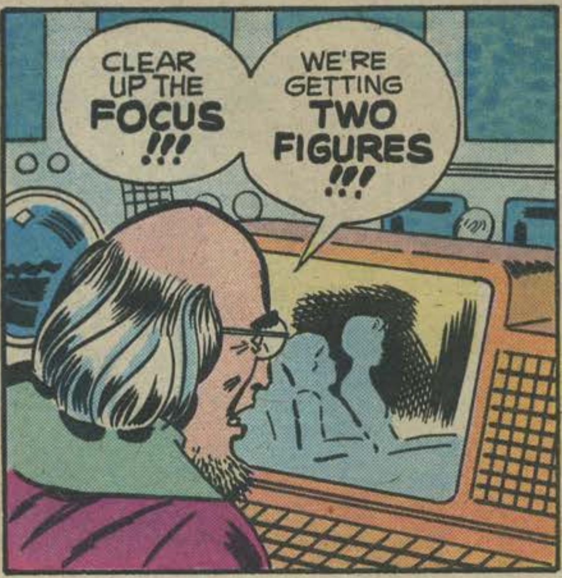

ORBITING UNCHARTED ASTEROID!
ALL SENSORS INDICATE LIFE-SUPPORT CAPABILITY!!!
ZOOM!!!
BASECOM TO ALPHA! YOU ARE CLEAR TO LAND!
ALPHA SETTING DOWN!

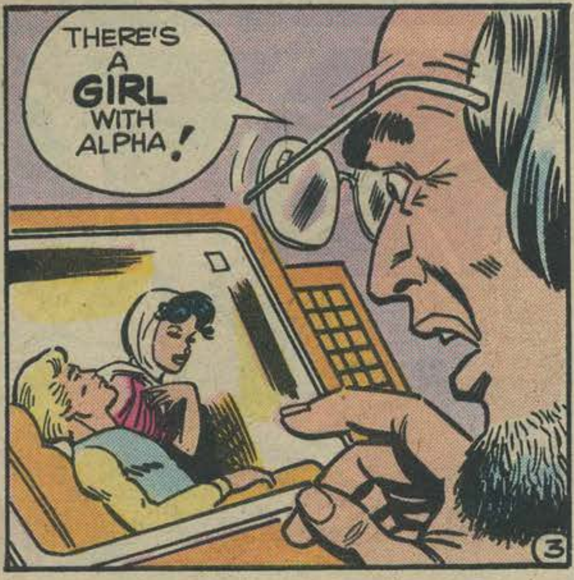


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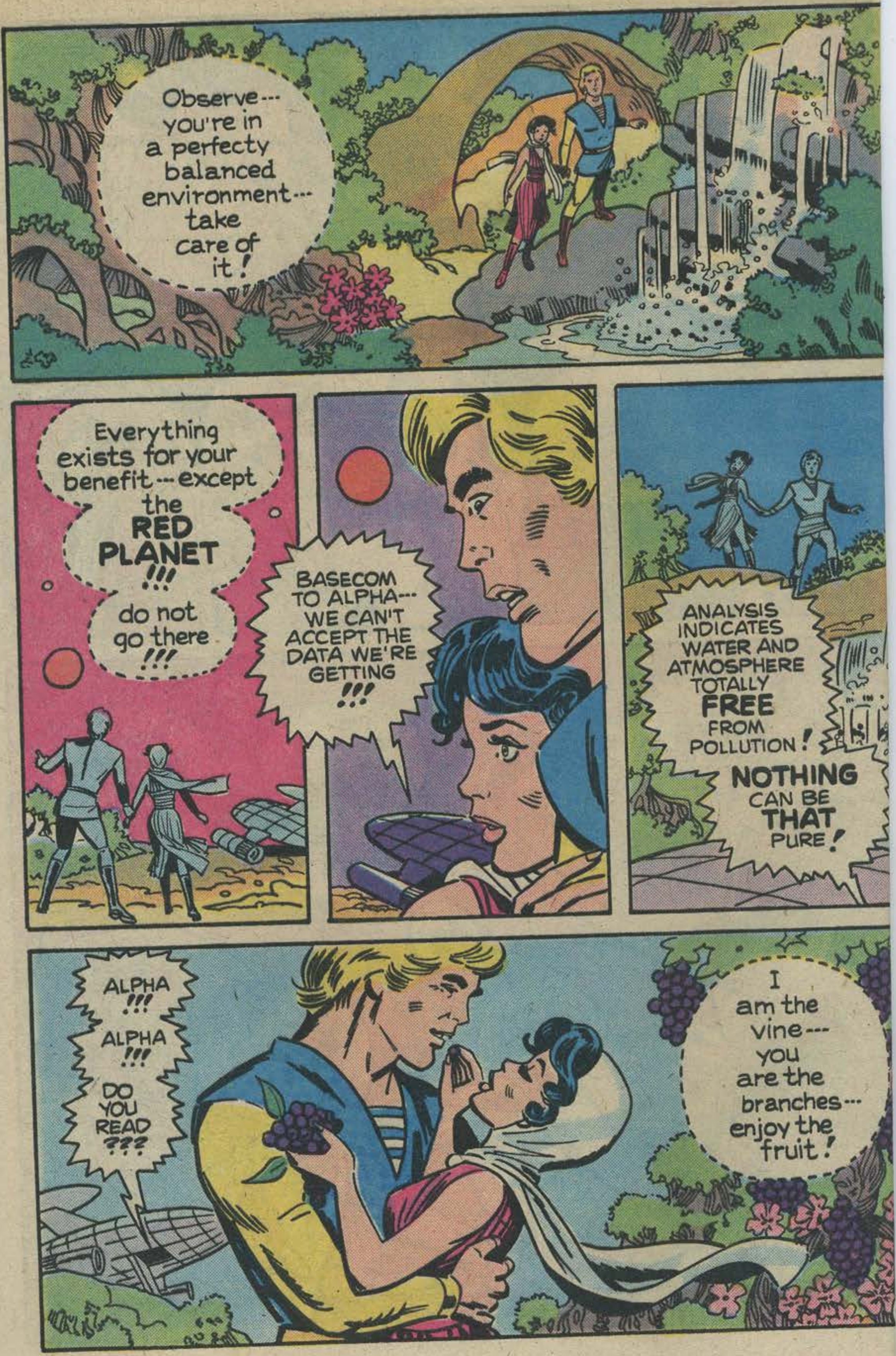


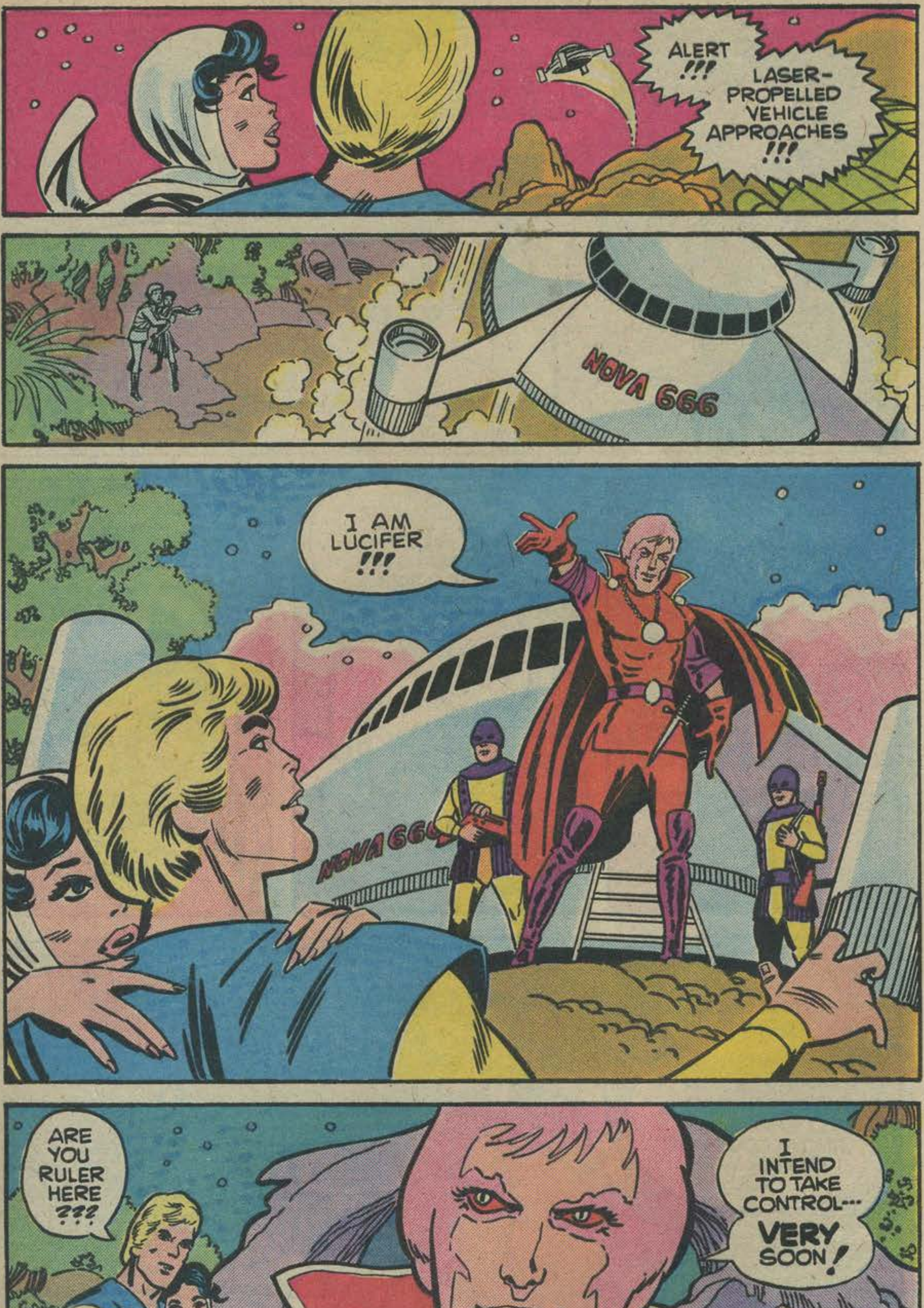





HOW DID SHE GET THERE ???
ALPHA WAS ALONE AT BLAST-OFF!
HER DATA IS EXOTIC !!!
ACCORDING TO THE READ OUT, SHE'S ONLY--- TWO HOURS OLD!
ALPHA !!! WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE ???


WHO'S THAT GIRL ???
SHE'S OMEGA !!!
AND I'M ON THE EDGE OF A NEW DIMENSION !!!
?
IT'S A TOTALLY NEW PROGRAM !!!
WELL, WHO'S DOING THE PROGRAMMING ???
I'M RECEIVING DATA FROM A HIGHER SOURCE---
PLEASE STAND BY!
Alpha--- Omega--- Your search will be rewarded !!!
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Observe--- you're in a perfecty balanced environment--- take care of it!
Everything exists for your benefit---except the RED PLANET!!! do not go there!!!
BASECOM TO ALPHA--- WE CAN'T ACCEPT THE DATA WE'RE GETTING!!!
ANALYSIS INDICATES WATER AND ATMOSPHERE TOTALLY FREE FROM POLLUTION! NOTHING CAN BE THAT PURE!
ALPHA!!! ALPHA!!! DO YOU READ???
I am the vine--- you are the branches--- enjoy the fruit!

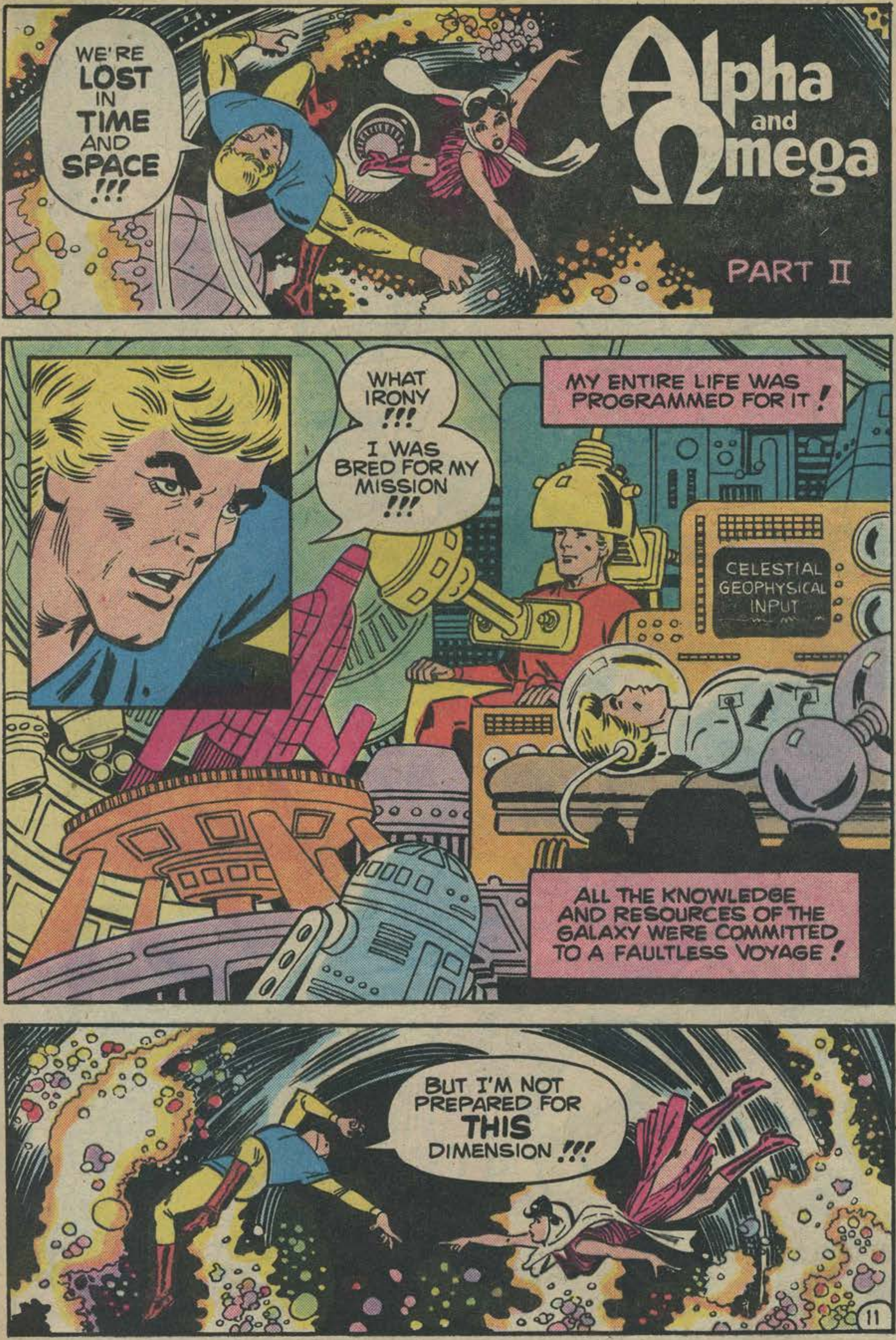


ALERT !!!
LASER-PROPELLED VEHICLE APPROACHES !!!
NOVA 666
I AM LUCIFER !!!
NOVA 666
ARE YOU RULER HERE ???
I INTEND TO TAKE CONTROL--- VERY SOON!


I PERCEIVE YOU'VE COME SEARCHING---
THE RED PLANET HOLDS THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK!
BUT WE'RE NOT PROGRAMMED TO GO THERE !!!
DID YOUR PROGRAMMER REALLY DENY YOU SUCH A DISCOVERY ???
IT'S A FORBIDDEN ZONE!
IT COULD MEAN DEATH !!!
SURELY YOU'LL NOT DIE!
YOUR PROGRAMMER SIMPLY REFUSES TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE AND POWER WITH YOU!


GO TO THE RED PLANET !!!
YOU'LL BECOME AS WISE AS YOUR PROGRAMMER !!!
PLEASE, ALPHA--- LET'S GO!
PERHAPS THERE IS KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED!
FOOOOM!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL !!!
LIKE A GIANT APPLE !!!
IT'S GETTING DARKER !!!
AND DARKER !!!
9


BASECOM TO ALPHA--- TURN BACK!
IT'S TOO LATE !!!
WE'RE IN A BLACK HOLE !!!
ALL TIMING DEVICES HAVE STOPPED !!!
MEASUREMENT IS SCRAMBLED !!!
ORIENTATION GONE !!!


WE'RE LOST IN TIME AND SPACE !!!
Alpha and Omega
PART II
WHAT IRONY !!!
I WAS BRED FOR MY MISSION !!!
MY ENTIRE LIFE WAS PROGRAMMED FOR IT!
CELESTIAL GEOPHYSICAL INPUT
ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES OF THE GALAXY WERE COMMITTED TO A FAULTLESS VOYAGE!
BUT I'M NOT PREPARED FOR THIS DIMENSION !!!
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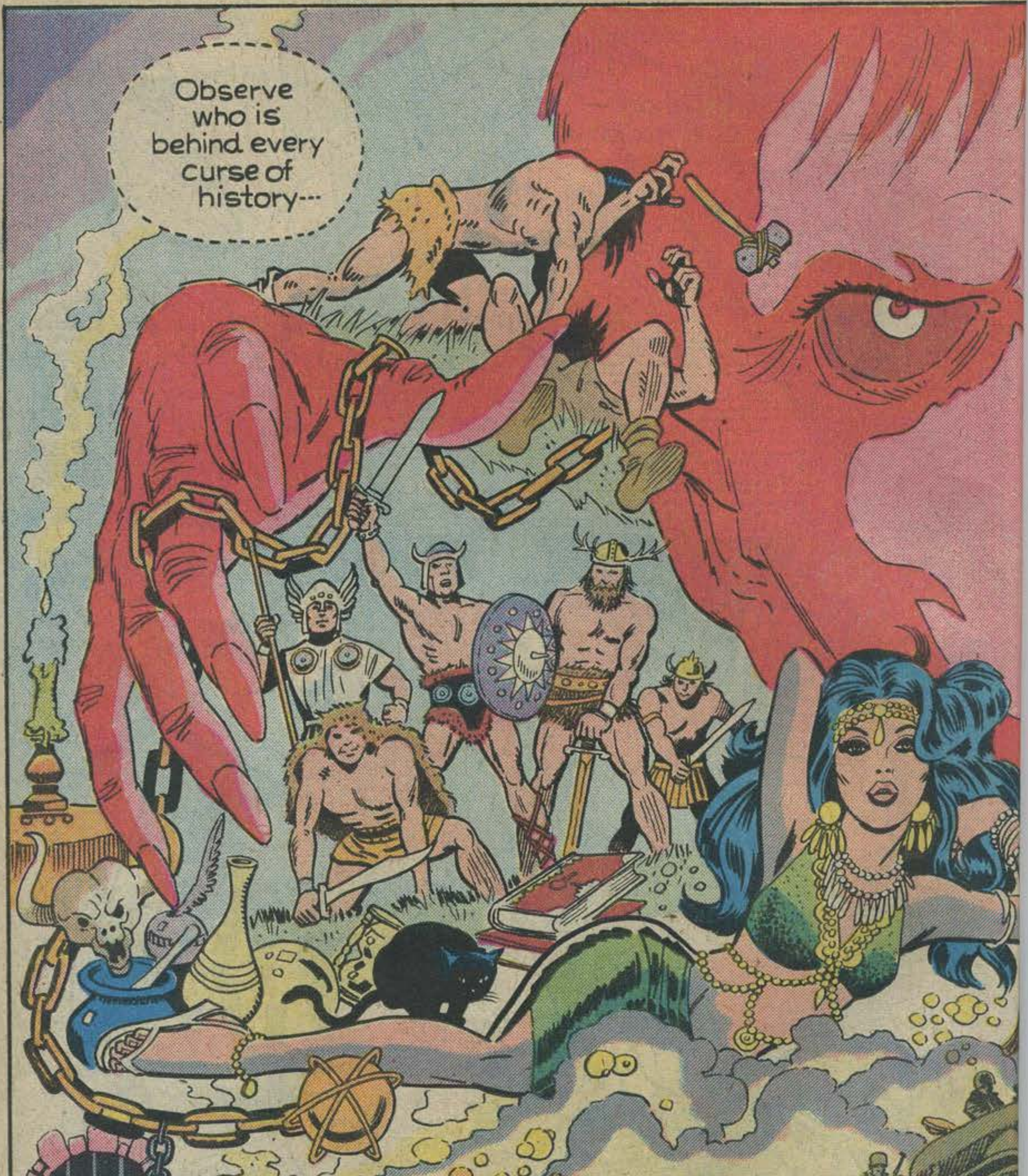

WELCOME TO MY WORLD!
EVERYTHING IS IN CONFLICT !!!
AND WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE !!!


KRAK!
WE'RE DOOMED !!!

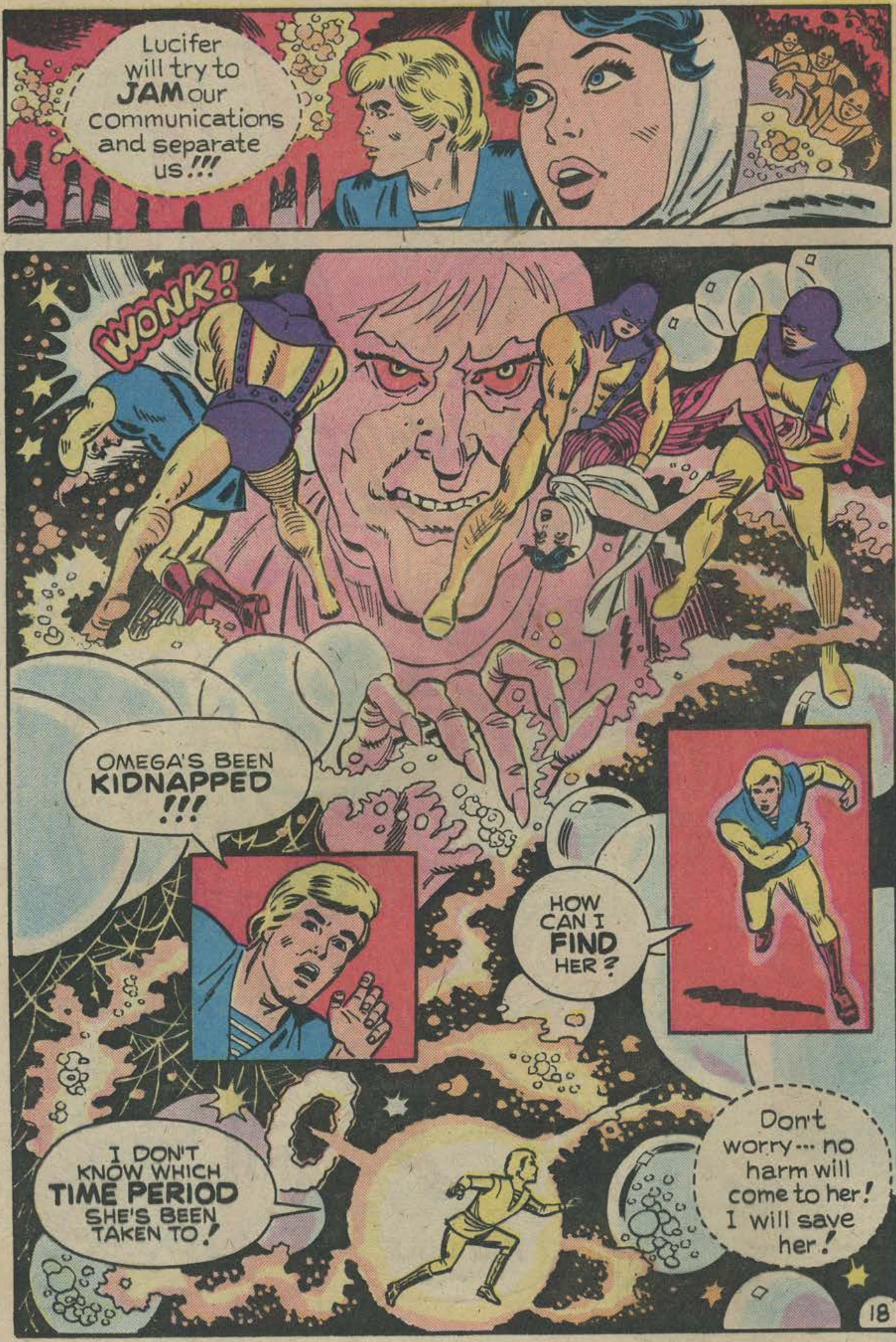


I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN HOLD OUT!
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO GO BACK AND START OVER!!!
There's FORGIVENESS in MY world--- and PEACE!
I will show you things that many prophets and kings have wanted to see but have not seen!
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Behold --- civilizations rise ---
---They build great monuments to themselves ---
---Decay begins ---
--And they crumble!
TODAY MAN REACHES FOR THE STARS---
---AND NEGLECTS HIS OWN HOME!
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Observe who is behind every curse of history---
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LUCIFER
!!!
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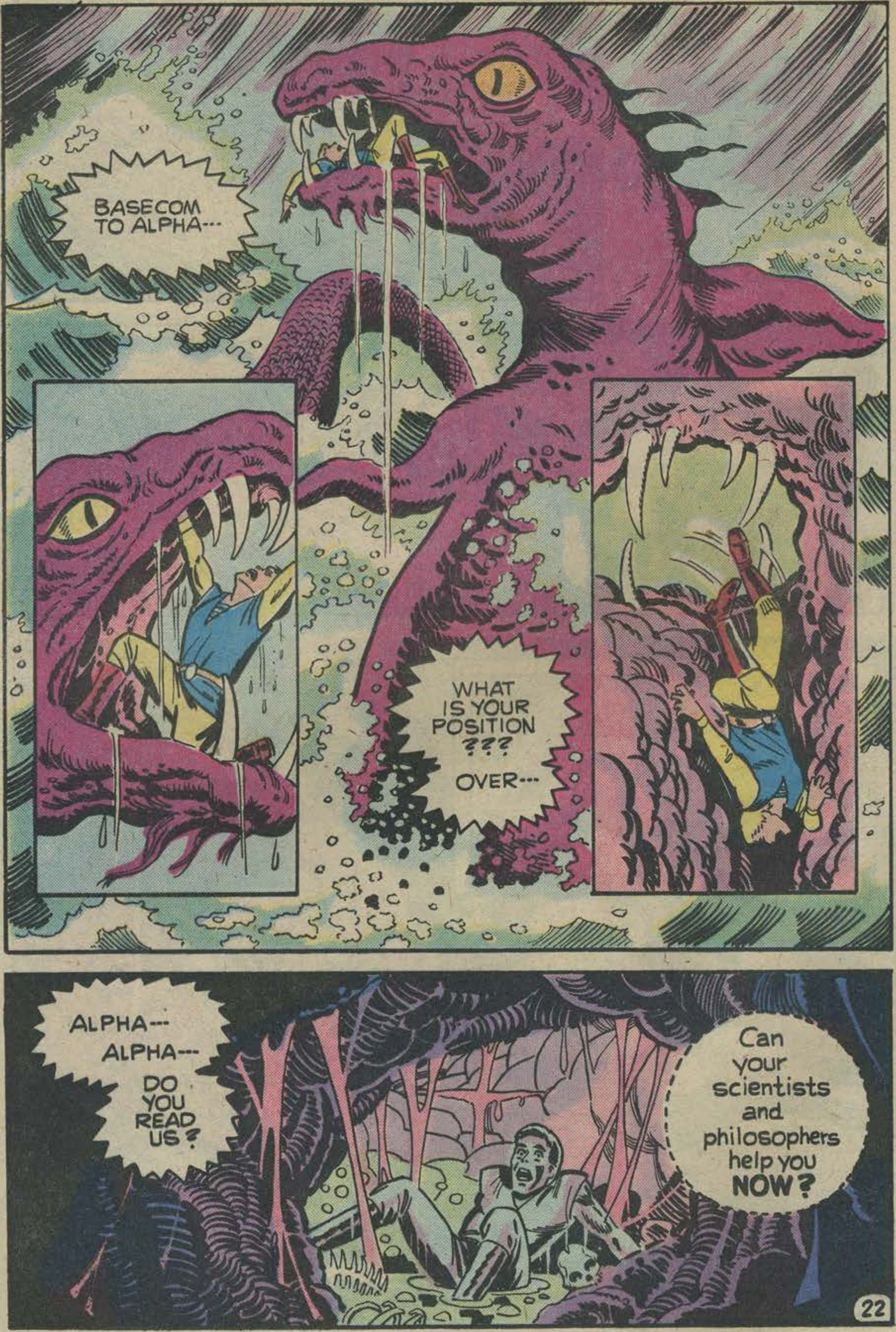

Lucifer will try to JAM our communications and separate us!!!
WONK!
OMEGA'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!!!
HOW CAN I FIND HER?
I DON'T KNOW WHICH TIME PERIOD SHE'S BEEN TAKEN TO!
Don't worry--- no harm will come to her! I will save her!
18



Trust ME--- prepare to return to your planet--- and tell them about ME!
BUT WHAT CAN I TELL THEM ???
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME !!!
I AM THAT I AM !!!
I have a destiny for them far higher than their minds can imagine !!!
THE SCIENTISTS WILL WANT PROOF!
THE PHILOSOPHERS WILL RIDICULE ME!
You shall not be alone--- I shall be WITH you!
I CAN'T DO IT!
I MUST FIND OMEGA !!!
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THAT'S IT...
RUN!
FASTER FASTER!
WHY AM I ON THIS HOVERCRAFT ???
AM I SEARCHING ??? OR AM I RUNNING AWAY ???
A STORM BREWS, CAPTAIN !!!
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PART III
THE SEA GODS ARE ANGRY !!!
THEY MUST BE APPEASED !!!
THAT STRANGER !!!
SEE !!! THE GODS ACCEPT OUR SACRIFICE !!!
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BASECOM TO ALPHA---
WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ??? OVER---
ALPHA--- ALPHA--- DO YOU READ US?
Can your scientists and philosophers help you NOW?


I am with you ALWAYS !!!
SAVE ME! PLEASE !!! I'LL OBEY YOU !!!
You will learn that NOTHING is impossible to ME!
SPLAT!
I promised to protect Omega---
---and I keep MY promises !!!



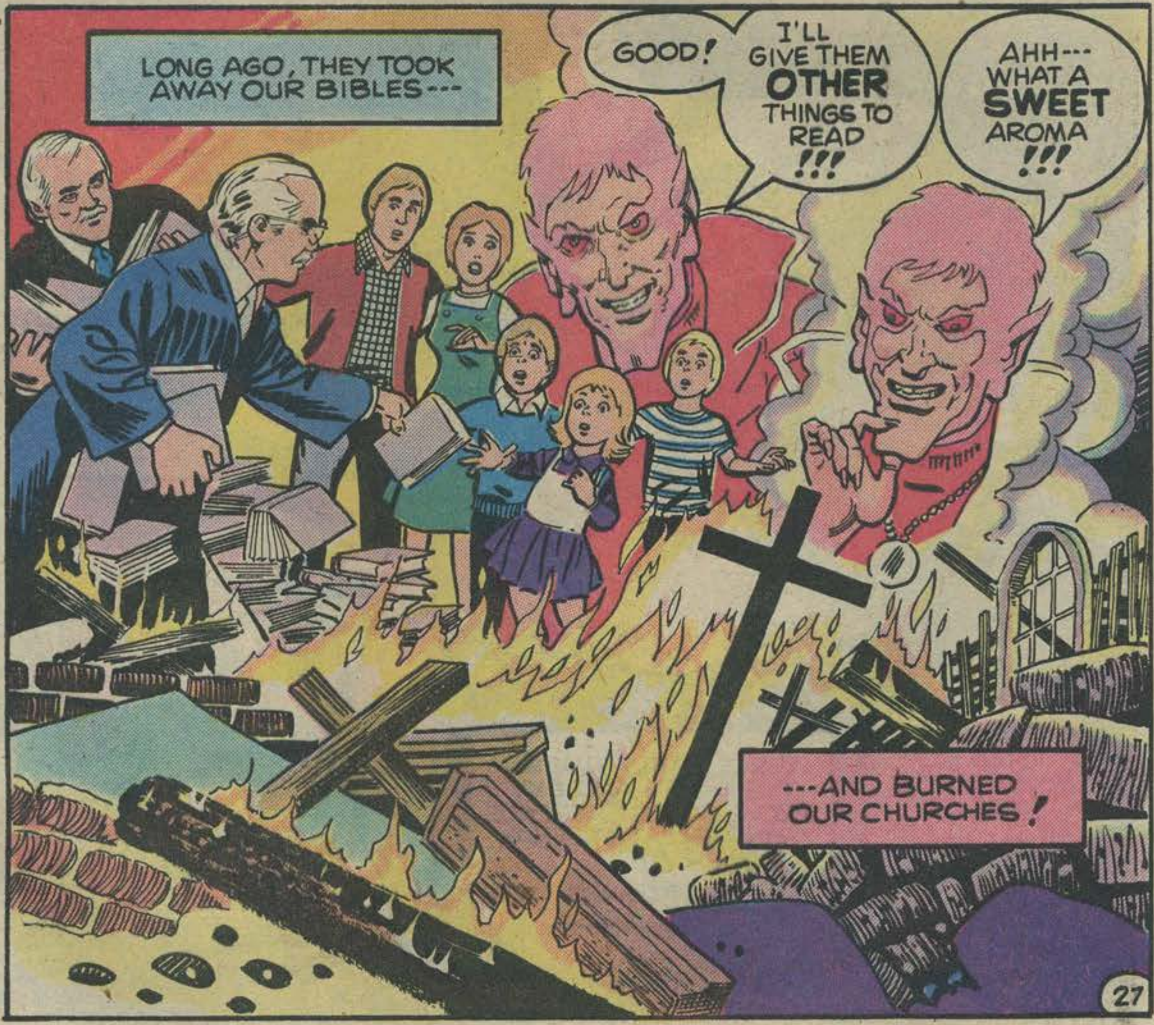
ALPHA!
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE EXPERIENCE I JUST HAD!
AFTER WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH---
I THINK I WOULD!!!
WE'VE FOUND THE SOURCE OF ALL CREATION!!!
HE'S GOD!!!
HE EXISTS!!!
You will explain to the universe the mystery which has hidden God from the beginning of time--- I created all things through My Son Jesus Christ!
* SEE EPHESIANS 3:9
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HUMPH !!!
THEY'VE BECOME BELIEVERS !!!
AND MAYBE A FEW OTHERS WILL SHARE THEIR FAITH !!!
BUT MOST OF THE UNIVERSE...
WILL BE ON MY SIDE!
MOST ARE CONVINCED THE GOSPEL IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
AND THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH...
...WITHOUT THE FAITH TO FIRST BELIEVE IT!
I'VE GOT ALL KINDS OF TRICKS IN MY BAG!
THE POWER UNIT WON'T FIRE!
BZZZTT!

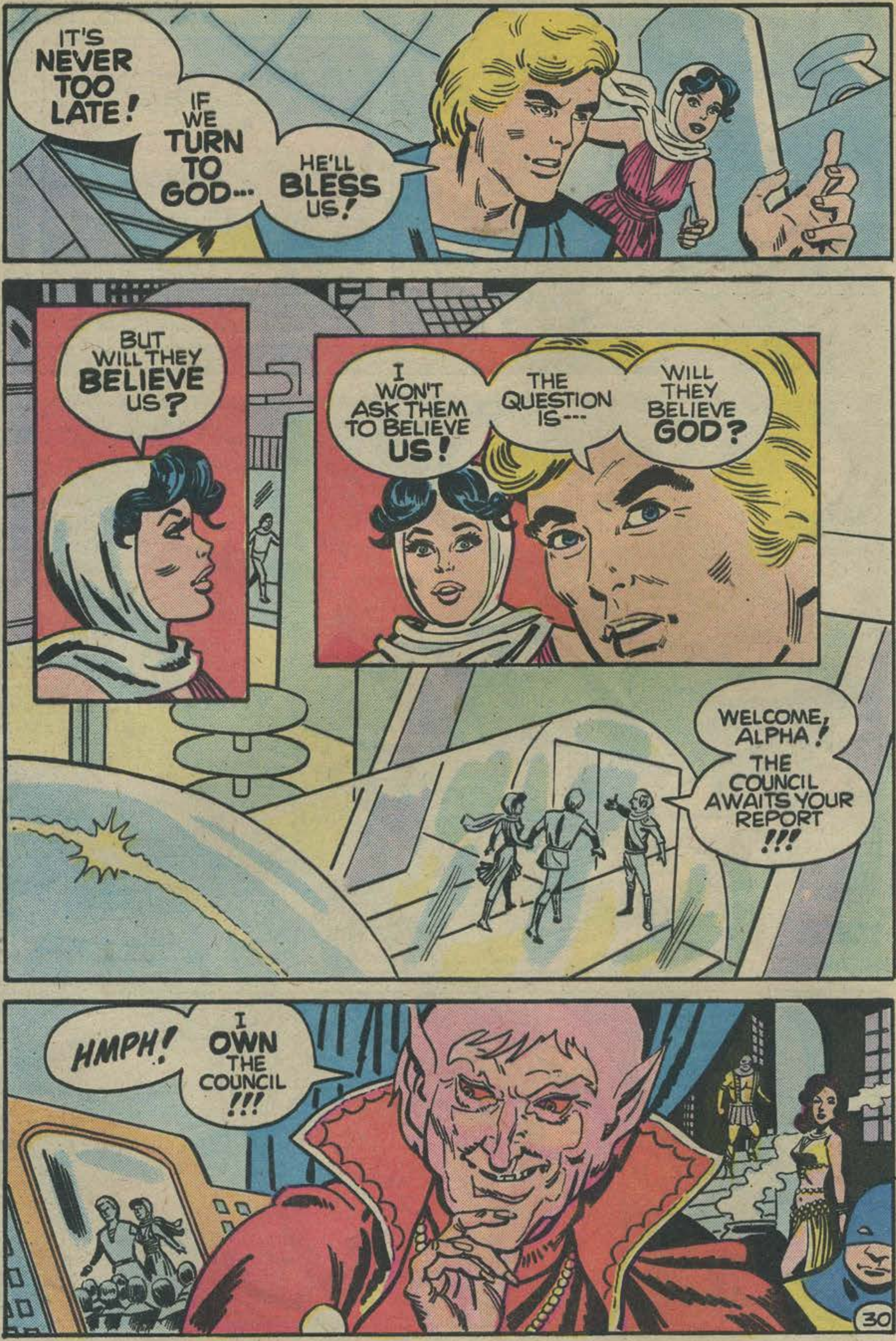

WHY FIGHT ME?
YOU CAN'T WIN!!!
I KNOW I CAN'T---
ALONE---
---BUT WITH JESUS I CAN!!!
---HE BEAT YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL ON THE CROSS!!!
LORD, PLEASE GET LUCIFER OFF MY BACK!!!
VAROOOM!
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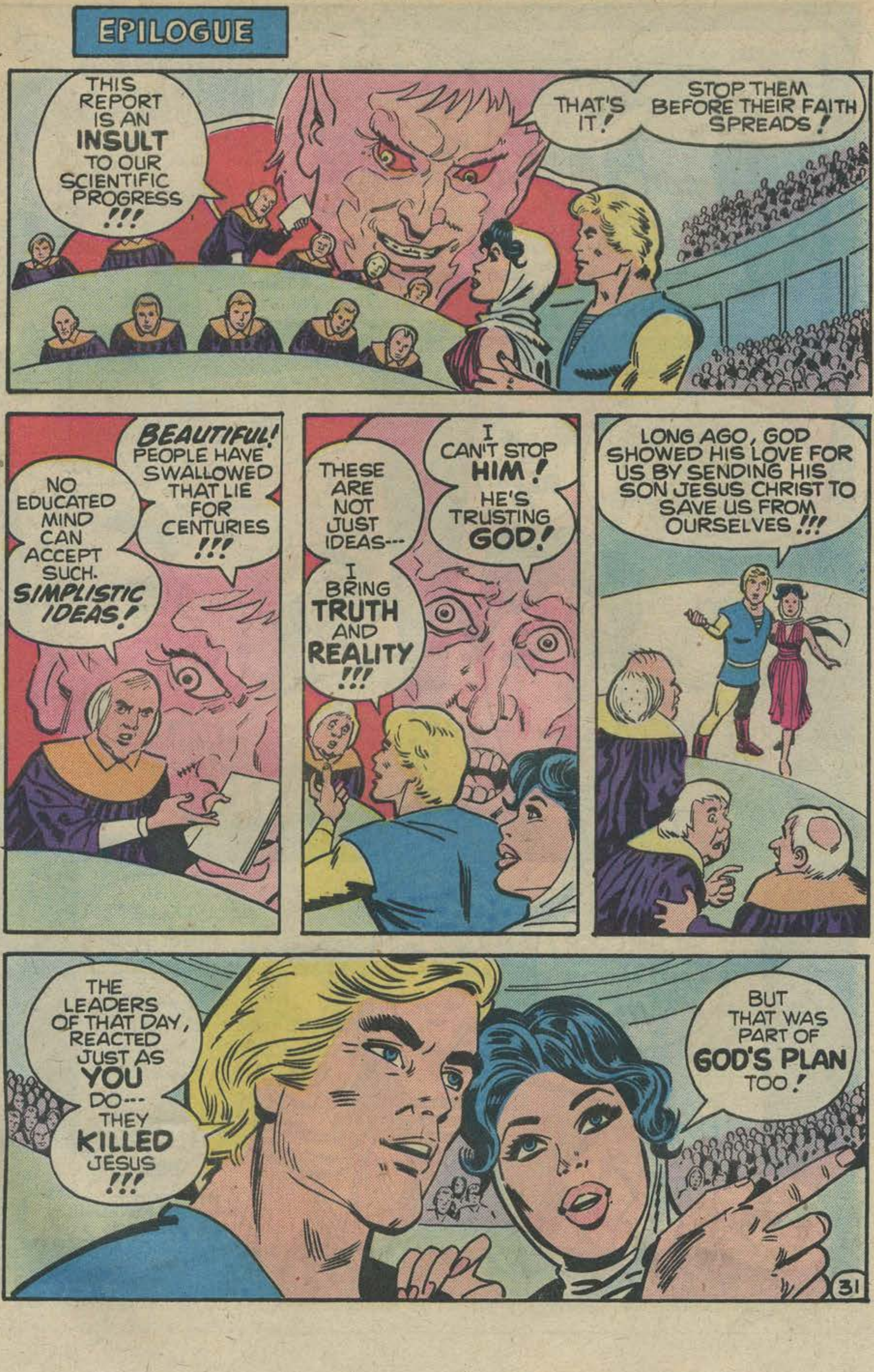

IT'S ALL SO CLEAR NOW!
LUCIFER TRICKED THE UNIVERSE !!!
OUR LEADERS PROFESS TO BE WISE---
---BUT THEY'RE FOOLS !!! THEY TAUGHT US TO WORSHIP THE CREATURE INSTEAD OF THE CREATOR !!!


LONG AGO, THEY TOOK AWAY OUR BIBLES---
GOOD!
I'LL GIVE THEM OTHER THINGS TO READ !!!
AHH--- WHAT A SWEET AROMA !!!
---AND BURNED OUR CHURCHES!
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BUT THE STARS REMAIN !!!
THEY DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD !!!
MAN SEEMS SO INSIGNIFICANT IN ALL THIS---
AND YET GOD SAYS MAN IS HIS GREATEST CREATION !!!
MAN OUGHT TO BE GOD'S GREATEST WITNESS !!!
MAN HAS NO EXCUSE FOR UNBELIEF!
SINCE EARLY TIMES, THE EARTH AND SKY PROVE GOD'S EXISTENCE AND GREAT ETERNAL POWER !!!
SEE ROMANS 1:20
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BUT MAN IGNORED GOD---
---WE SETTLED FOR SUBSTITUTES INSTEAD OF GOD'S PROVISIONS---
AND WE CREATED A WASTELAND !!!
WE LIVE IN SEALED CITIES---
---WHERE EVERYTHING IS ARTIFICIAL !!!
INCLUDING THE LIVES WE LIVE !!!
UNIGALAXY UNIPORT


IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!
IF WE TURN TO GOD...
HE'LL BLESS US!
BUT WILL THEY BELIEVE US?
I WON'T ASK THEM TO BELIEVE US!
THE QUESTION IS---
WILL THEY BELIEVE GOD?
WELCOME, ALPHA! THE COUNCIL AWAITS YOUR REPORT!!!
HMPH!
I OWN THE COUNCIL!!!
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EPILOGUE
THIS REPORT IS AN INSULT TO OUR SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS!!!
THAT'S IT!
STOP THEM BEFORE THEIR FAITH SPREADS!
NO EDUCATED MIND CAN ACCEPT SUCH. SIMPLISTIC IDEAS!
BEAUTIFUL! PEOPLE HAVE SWALLOWED THAT LIE FOR CENTURIES!!!
THESE ARE NOT JUST IDEAS---
I BRING TRUTH AND REALITY!!!
I CAN'T STOP HIM! HE'S TRUSTING GOD!
LONG AGO, GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR US BY SENDING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE US FROM OURSELVES!!!
THE LEADERS OF THAT DAY, REACTED JUST AS YOU DO--- THEY KILLED JESUS!!!
BUT THAT WAS PART OF GOD'S PLAN TOO!

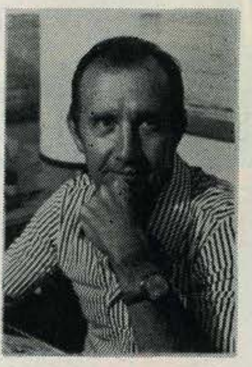

IT'S ONLY THROUGH THE DEATH OF JESUS THAT WE CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR TURNING OUR BACKS ON **GOD**!
SEE MATTHEW 20:28
AND BECAUSE CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD, HIS HOLY SPIRIT CAN FILL OUR LIVES EVERY DAY!!!
JESUS IS **REAL** !!!
ALL OUR INTELLIGENCE AND COMPUTERS COULD NEVER CONCEIVE OF SUCH AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO SAVE MAN!!!
JESUS STANDS AT THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART AND KNOCKS RIGHT NOW !!!
WILL YOU LET **HIM** COME INTO YOUR LIFE?
SEE REVELATION 3:20
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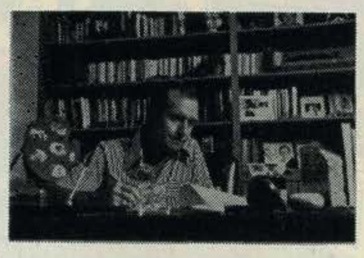


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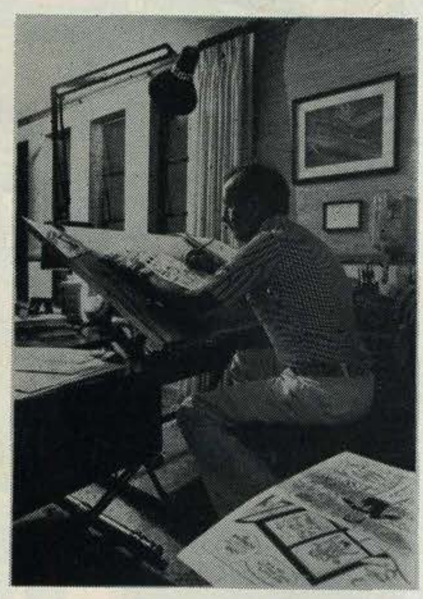


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